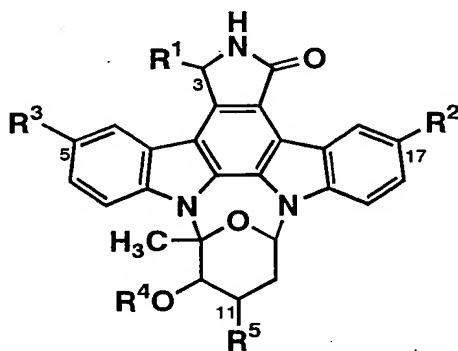


# ABSTRACT

The present invention provides an antitumor agent comprising a staurosporin derivative or a pharmaceutically acceptable salt thereof, as an active ingredient, which is represented by the general formula (I):



(I)

wherein  $R^1$  represents hydrogen, hydroxy or lower alkoxy,  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are the same or different and represent hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted alkyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkenyl, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkynyl, substituted or unsubstituted aryl, a substituted or unsubstituted heterocyclic group, halogen, nitro, formyl, etc.,  $R^4$  represents hydrogen, etc.,  $R^5$  represents  $NR^{11A}R^{12A}$  (wherein  $R^{11A}$  and  $R^{12A}$  represent hydrogen, substituted or unsubstituted lower alkyl, etc.), provided that  $R^2$  and  $R^3$  are not simultaneously hydrogen.